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To Officers of the FBIS:

FBIS Relation to OWI and CIAA

I have had an exchange of correspondence with Nelson A. Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, resulting in an agreement that the FBIS will have the same relationship to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs with regard to the use of our material for non-Governmental publication or other non-Governmental use, that we now have with the Office of War Information.

This arrangement is that we continue to limit our clients receiving any of our material to Government officials, and that OWI, acting through its Foreign Service Division (Matthew Gordon, Chief) which receives all our material, makes such use of it for distribution to non-Governmental agencies and to the American public as seems wise. Proposed articles for magazines are also to be cleared through OWI. We furnish material only upon its request, preferably in writing. Leo Roston, Deputy Director of OWI in the Domestic Relations Branch, in charge of Enemy Sources, also makes use of our material in this same way. No FBIS material is given to non-Governmental agencies except through one or the other of these OWI officials.

As applied now to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, it means that requests received by us or referred to us regarding the use of our Latin American material by non-Governmental agencies should be referred to Mr. Russell Pierce of the Radio Division of CIAA if the proposed use is for radio programs. If the proposed use is for non-Governmental publication, the request should be referred to Mr. Harry Frantz, Associate Director of the Press Division of CIAA.

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